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UPGRADATION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for upgradation of certain ports in Gujarat which are presently connected with the coastal highways particularly Bedi Port under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the link roads of the ports viz. Mundra, Kandla, Porbander, Jamnagar, Vedibander, Rodiport, Bhavnagar and Pipavav of Gujarat are proposed to be connected with main coastal highways; and

(d) if so, the time bound programmes in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) : Responsibility for development of Ports other than Major Ports, vests in the State Government concerned, which in this case is the Government of Gujarat. Further, Union Government is responsible for development and maintenance of only National Highways (NH) and providing NH connectivity to the Major Ports of the country. At present, there is only one Major Port in Gujarat, i.e., Kandla Port, which is well connected through National Highway NH-8A.